

LAWRENCE MATCH 2022 - REPORT

The Lawrence Trophy match took place at Blair Atholl on Saturday 18 June in cool and blustery conditions. Of 27 qualifying English shooters, 21 were required for the team. In view of the fish-tailing wind it was important to select the best available coaching team. Tom Rylands was the leading English shooter in the individual events, and he took on the role of main coach, assisted by Robin Hatcher (at Blair Atholl for the first time), John Webster and Tim Webster. Ben Craig was appointed adjutant and the reserve/plotters were Tim Clarke, Jeremy Thompson and Henry Waldern.

Shooting first at 600 yards, in tricky conditions, England managed to gain a 10 point advantage, aided by some sight checking problems in the Scottish camp. Moving forward to 500 yards, England managed to extend our lead by a further 2 points to win by 12. The coaching team, making good use of the electronic headsets, worked well together. For their part, the shooters all showed good teamwork and firing point drills, completing the match in good time. All of the shooters, except for Doug Gass, were uncapped or once-capped in previous England National Match teams. The team scores and a photograph of the winning England team are shown below.

Whilst writing it is important to acknowledge the immense efforts of members of the West Atholl Rifle Club without which the Scottish Championships and Lawrence Trophy event would not be possible.

Steven Thomas
Captain